

Army and Navy News

Special Rapid Transit cars yesterday carried the artillerymen of the 105th and 159th Coast Artillery companies from the Matson wharf to the end of the Waialae terminus whence they marched to the site of the Fort Ruger cantonment, a short distance away. The men are a fine looking lot. Last night the tents for the enlisted men were all up and for the first time Fort Ruger was fully garrisoned and the big mortars of Battery Harlow were fully in commission and ready at a moment's notice to hurl their projectiles over the crater of Diamond Head.

One of the officers said yesterday that he hoped the Rapid Transit company would decide to extend its service from the Waialae terminus to the post. "We will have a population of 250 people, newly settled upon the soil," he said, "and being all males, or nearly so, they will be better car patrons than if the new inhabitants were equally divided by sexes."

It is understood that the Rapid Transit company will extend the line to Fort Ruger in the near future, but at present the company has its eyes on the extension of the road to Pearl Harbor.

Officers Leave Oahu.

Captain Snyder and Lieut. Shearer of the Marine Corps, and Mrs. Shearer, left for Manila yesterday on the Sheridan. Lieut. Wheatley, formerly a second lieutenant in the Fifth Cavalry, and recently promoted, also left for the Philippines. The departure of the Sheridan was marked by the usual complimentary band concert by the Hawaiian band, and a large lot of leis for the departing passengers. Many marine corps officers and ladies were present on the wharf when the vessel slid out into the stream.

THE HAME NEST.

By Rose Mills Powers.

Ready is the hame nest,
Jean, lass, Jean,
Ingle-nook the cheeriest
Seen, lass, seen!
Just a cot beside the moor,
Roof o' thatch and sanded floor,
But hame for us does its wee door
Mean, lass, mean!

Be it cot or be it hall,

Oh, lad, oh,

Coming at my true lover's call,

Know, lad, know,

Syne the kirk has blessed me bride,

Hame for me is at your side,

Hame for me where'er you bide,

Jo, lad, Jo!

CASPIAN SEA.

The Caspian sea, across which Russia has been hurrying troops for Persia, is, as Herodotus said 2,000 years ago, "a sea by itself, having no connection with any other." Every schoolboy knows that now, but it is remarkable to find Herodotus saying so, because centuries after his time such authorities as Strabo and Pliny believed that it was connected with the northern ocean by a long and narrow gulf. Geography seems to have had a setback in the interval through false information received at the time of Alexander's conquests. Herodotus says that the Caspian's length was fifteen days' voyage with a rowboat, its breadth eight days'. Since the actual figures are 750 miles and 400, this shows that a rowboat of the time did fifty miles a day.

The Swiss people are, according to report, unfriendly to the airship. A Berlin paper, commenting on the attitude of the people of Lucerne, who only a short time ago were enthusiastic admirers of Zeppelin, says that they probably fear that the contemplated airship trip to the Rigi and other notable parts of the country will do their summer business an injury and that railroads, show places and hotels will suffer. The ori-

gin of this Swiss antagonism may be traced to the canton of Schwiz, where a newspaper demanded that the authorities pass a law closing the canton to aerial navigation. "Although no action was taken the demand should be remembered as an example of Swiss humor," the Berlin paper adds. "Signs inscribed 'Flying in the canton of Schwiz is prohibited by law' would make the canton famous—if some one would suggest places for the signs where he who flies may read."

"What will your mother say to you when you get home?" said one boy. "She'll start in by asking me some hypothetical questions," answered precocious Willie. "What are they?" "Questions that she thinks she knows the answers to before she starts to talk."—Washington Star.

"I suppose you will always be ready to answer when your country calls you," "Yes," answered Senator Sorgum, "and what's more, if I see any occasion when I can be of service, I won't stand on ceremony with my country. I'll speak first."—Washington Star.

Hotelkeeper—Has the American gentleman made any remarks about his bill yet? Waiter—Not yet. He is looking for some in his dictionary.—Pele Mele.



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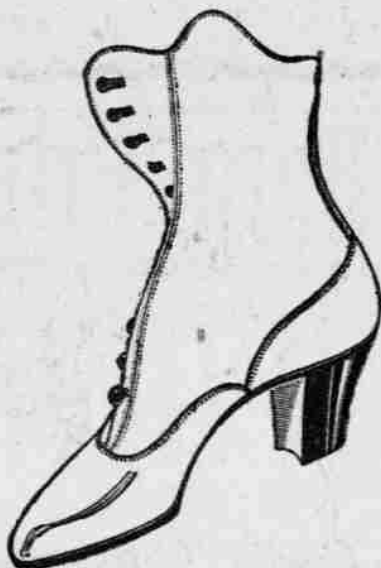
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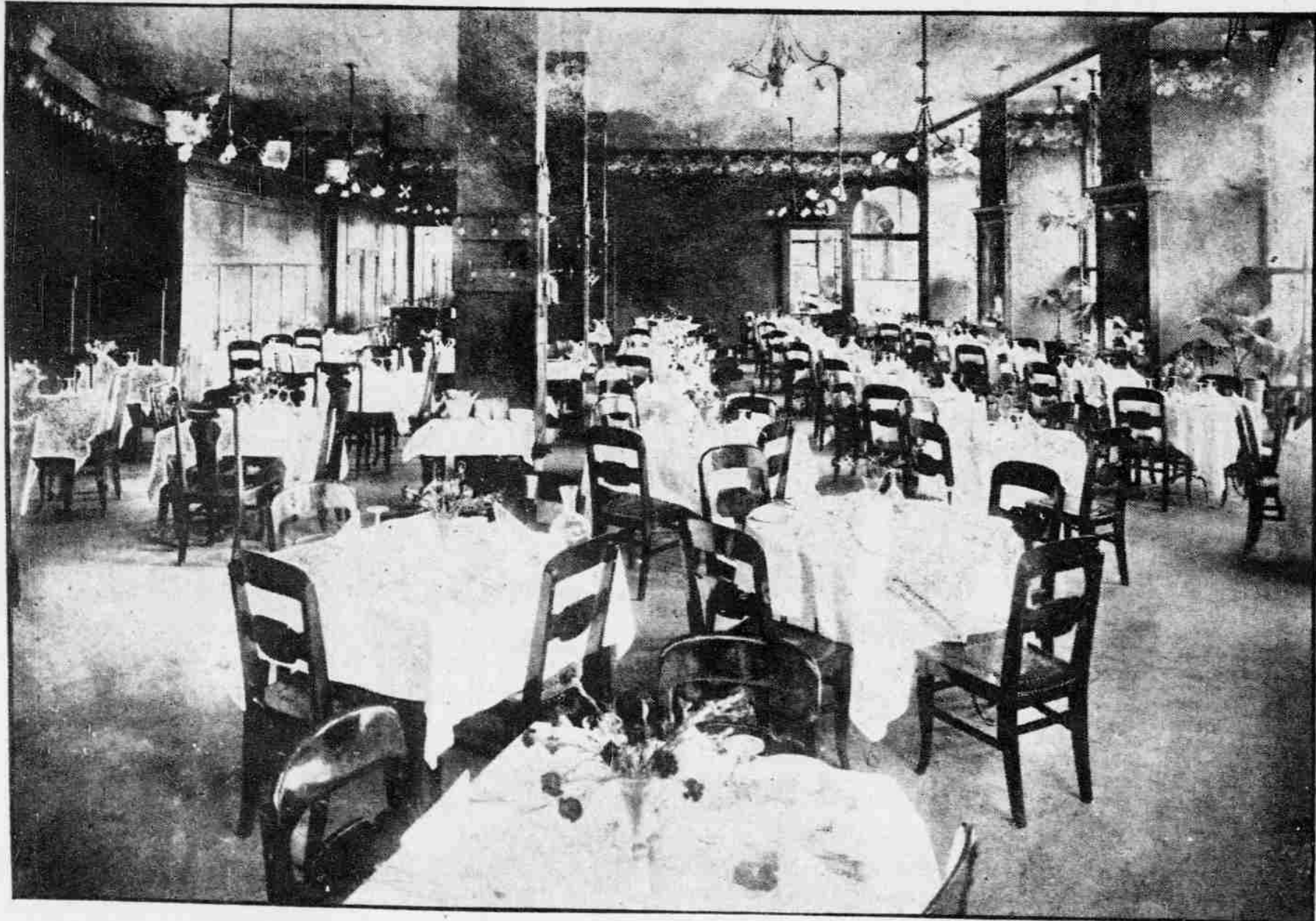
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